

WORKMAN FARM
Worton, Maryland
(ca 1825)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC WORKMAN FARM

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Route 29⁷, ½ mile south of
junction with Route 298

CITY, TOWN

Worton

VICINITY OF

1st

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ralph L. Workman

Telephone #: 609-429-4930

STREET & NUMBER

1889 E. Marlton Pike

CITY, TOWN

Cherry Hill

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

New Jersey 08034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 37

Folio #: 756

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE

1968

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Now surrounded by open fields, the late Federal period building on the Workman Farm faces southwest. From the site are views to the Jewell Farm (K-225) and the 1770 House (K-222) as well as to the intersection of Route 298 and Route 292.

The house is composed of two sections, a three bay, two story frame section and a two bay two story gable roofed kitchen on the east gable.

The main house measures 32'4" by 18'6". The front wall of the wing is continuous with the southwest wall of the house; it measures 17'6" deep and 23'10" long.

The frame section is the earlier. It has central entry doors and a hall and parlour plan. There are chimney stacks enclosed in each gable; both are brick and both contain 2 flues.

The roof is a gable of moderate pitch; it has no dormers. Windows are regularly spaced and have 6 over 6 sash. They retain early louvered shutters hung on small strap hinges set on driven pintels. The rails and stiles of the shutters are quite wide and all finished on the inside edge with a bead. First floor shutters have a single panel of louvering; those on the second have double panels.

Recently the frame section was covered with vinyl siding. The cornice, verge board, trim, and the entire entry door on the southwest facade was covered with siding.

The brick section also has a shallow gable roof without dormers. Instead of a wooden cornice, three steps of corbelling is used at the cornice line. There is an entry in the northern bay of the front and a shed-roofed extension on the northeast wall. A door has been cut into the east gable. Windows have 6 over 6 sash but are shorter than those in the frame section. Frames and sills are plain.

The interior of the frame section retains almost all of its original woodwork. Window and door trim on the first floor is illustrated below; it is used with turned corner blocks. The double bead used in the backband portion of the trim is repeated

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca 1825

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Unfortunately the frame house has recently been covered with wood grained vinyl siding. Details of the cornice have been obscured and the front door hidden, but, of more concern is the possible damage to the original siding caused by retention of moisture behind the siding.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION
Kent County Planning Commission

DATE
778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER
Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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as the panel molding of the eight panel entry doors and on the upper molding and lower edge of the two part hall chairrail. This chairrail also has 3 3/4" wide bands of reading spaced at intervals of about 3 1/2". The main entry on the southwest also has a four light transom. This feature is visible on the interior only.

The mantle in the parlour has a rectangular opening flanked by reeded pilasters. There is a curved mantle shelf which is supported by moldings with dentils and carved sunbursts above the pilasters. There is a closet with a beaded door to the left of the mantle and a six panel door on the stair.


In the parlour the mantle is similiar but simpler and has Greek ogee moldings. Trim and mantles on the second floor have Federal profiles. Some old latches and locks remain in the house.

Also on the property is a squared-log shed which measures 10' by 11'10" and has a steeply pitched gable roof. The corners of the building are dovetailed. The exterior of the building is covered with verticle boards and the roof with wooden shingles. The board and batten door is hung on wrought iron strap hinges and has a wooden box lock.

Well maintained except for the new siding, the house is occupied by tenants.

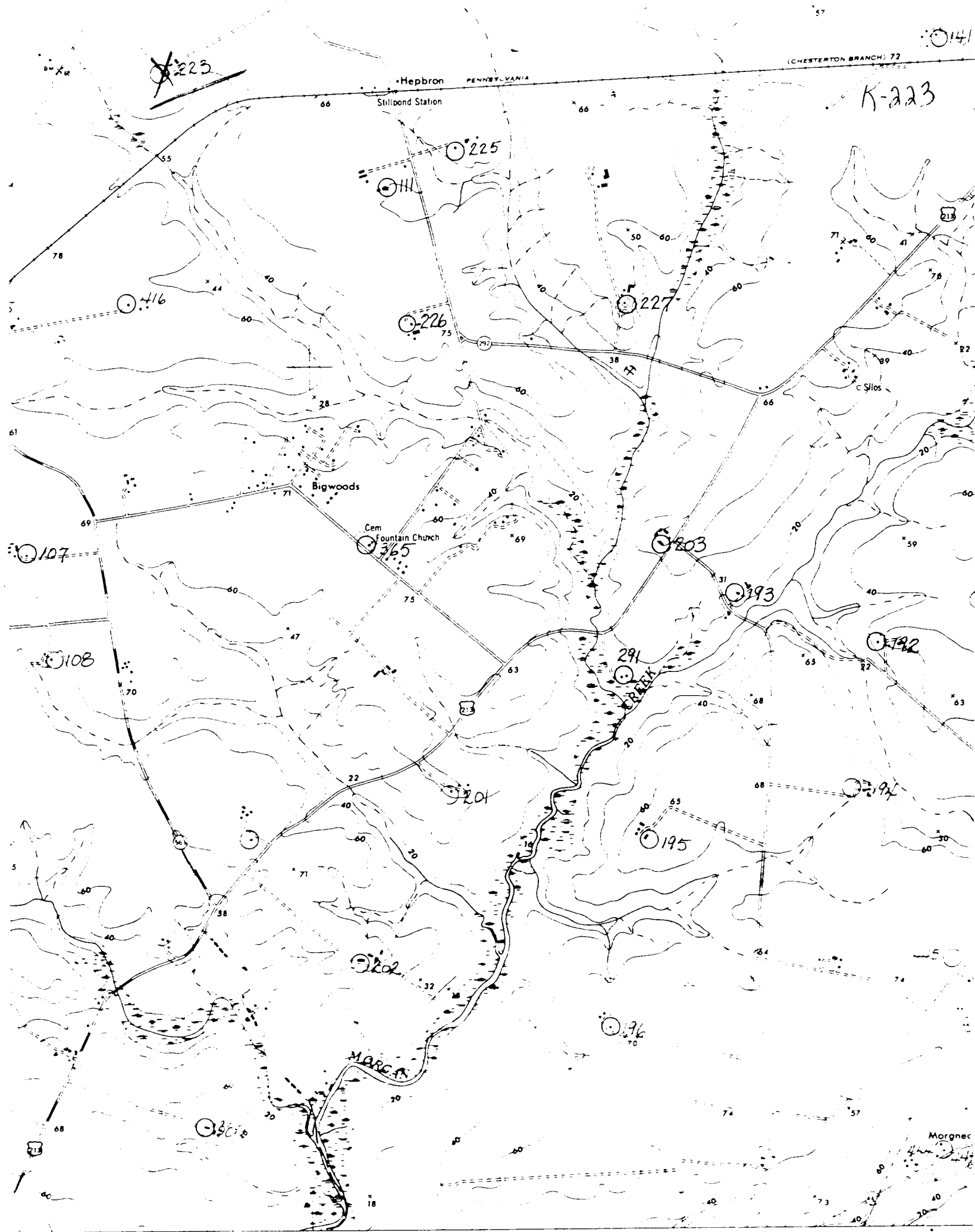
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The brick section is also built on a stone foundation. The door is covered with a small porch and is located next to the main house. There are flat brick arches above the windows and 6/6 sashes. There is a three brick stepped cornice. It also has a chimney in the south gable flanked by two casements. The entire wing is laid in common bond.

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Kent</u> TOWN <u>Worton</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>Rt 298</u> ORIGINAL OWNER <u>Hebron & Dunlap</u> ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Mrs. Emma Workman</u> PRESENT USE <u>dwelling</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>frame + brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>2</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>K-223</u> 2. NAME <u>Workman Farm House</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>19th Century</u> STYLE <u>colonial</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <p> This house is a 3 bay long, 2 story frame structure with a 2 bay long, 1 1/2 2 story brick wing. The house sits on a stone foundation and is covered with clapboard. The windows of the west facade have original trim, also louver shutters + 6/8 sash. The central entrance has an 8 panel door with rectangular transom and a covered porch. There is a wood cornice with torus molding. The each gable is a brick chimney flanked by 2 casements. </p> <p> The brick section is also built on a stone foundation. The door is covered with a small porch and is located next to the main house. There are flat brick outlets above the windows and 6/8 sash. There is a 3 brick stepped cornice. It also has a chimney in the south gable flanked by 2 casements. The entire wing is laid in common bond. </p>		OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>NO</u>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered <u>no</u> Interior Exterior <u>fair</u>		6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 	
7. PHOTOGRAPH		8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	
9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Michael Bourne</u> DATE OF RECORD <u>Oct 1, 1968</u>			

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

Wilmer Cove - Worton





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Workman Farm

View to North

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Hall Mantel

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